

109TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 473

Designating May 14, 2006, as “National Police Survivors Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 10, 2006

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. TALENT, and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating May 14, 2006, as “National Police Survivors Day”.

Whereas the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Judiciary Square of Washington, D.C., lists on its Wall of Remembrance the names of 17,535 Federal, State and local law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty;

Whereas, in the United States, 1 law enforcement officer is killed every 53 hours, and between 140 and 160 law enforcement officers lose their lives in the line of duty each year;

Whereas, on May 14, 1983, on the eve of the 2nd annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service, 10 widows of fallen law enforcement officers came together at dinner to discuss the lack of support for law enforcement survivors;

Whereas, exactly 1 year later, that discussion led to the formation of Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. at the first annual National Police Survivors Seminar, which drew 110 law enforcement survivors from throughout the United States;

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. has grown to serve over 15,000 surviving families of fallen law enforcement officers by providing healing, love, and the opportunity for a renewed life;

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. and its 48 chapters throughout the United States—

(1) provide a program of peer support and counseling to law enforcement survivors for 365 days a year;

(2) helps survivors obtain the death benefits to which they are entitled; and

(3) sponsors scholarships for children and surviving spouses to pursue post-secondary education;

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. sponsors a year-round series of seminars, meetings and youth activities, including the National Police Survivors' Seminar during National Police Week, retreats for parents, spouses, siblings, and programs and summer activities for young and adolescent children;

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. helps law enforcement agencies cope with the loss of an officer by promoting the adoption of standardized policies and procedures for line-of-duty deaths; and

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. inspires the public to recognize the sacrifices made by law enforcement families by encouraging all citizens of the United States

to tie a blue ribbon to their car antenna during National Police Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates May 14, 2006, as “National Po-
3 lice Survivors Day”; and

4 (2) calls on the people of the United States to
5 observe National Police Survivors’ Day with appro-
6 priate ceremonies to pay respect to—

7 (A) the survivors of the fallen heroes of
8 law enforcement; and

9 (B) the fallen law enforcement officers
10 who, through their courageous deeds, have
11 made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their
12 community.

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